

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1797
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DAWSON, Elliott P. et al.) Examining Attorney: Hobbs, Michael L.
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Application No.: 10/599,248) Customer No. 23676
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Filing Date: September 22, 2006)
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For: Method and Device for the Collection)
and Isolation of Nucleic Acid)
) Pasadena, California

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 9, 2009, Applicants hereby elects Group I, claims 1-24 drawn to a device for collecting and preserving nucleic acids.

If there are any issues that can be addressed by telephone with the Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.